

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The Elba office of Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC) recently moved to its new location across the street from the old Elba High School. In honor of this move, an open house and ribbon cutting was held Monday, Dec. 15. The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony for HRDC. Elba Mayor James Grimes (center with scissors) and HRDC officials were joined by several city officials, beauty queens, chamber representatives and other friends and supporters of HRDC in dedicating the new office building. Following the ribbon cutting, all were invited inside to get a look at the renovations and to enjoy refreshments.

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## Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



## Women Are Taking To The Outdoors In Record Numbers

At what educational course will you find the combined smells of burnt gunpowder, Dutch oven cooking, perfume, and hairspray? If you are one of the women who have attended a BOW (Becoming An Outdoor Woman) course, you know the answer to the above question.

BOW began in 1990 at a workshop at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. At this workshop one of the primary objectives was to determine why fewer women than men participated in the outdoors sports such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, canoeing, etc. The first course was an instant success with more signing up than could be accommodated. Since then, almost every state offers the BOW course. The Alabama Division of Fresh Water Fisheries and the Alabama

Treasure Forest Assoc. sponsor Alabama's BOW program. Course attendees can elect to attend a 3-day course at the Alabama 4-H Center located in Shelby County or they may elect to attend one of several one-day courses held around the state.

A recent 1 day BOW course was held at the John and Carol Dorrill farm near Troy. The all female class included housewives, teachers, a county commissioner, a home economics agent, administrative assistants, and real estate agents, to name a few. Students could choose courses in marksmanship, firearm safety, fishing skills, camping, map and compass reading, outdoor cooking, archery, wildlife photography, canoeing, and crafts such as making walking sticks and birdhouses.

Karen Berry, of Pike County said "I just wanted to become familiar with outdoor activities such as fly fishing, canoeing, and shooting. I didn't fall out of the canoe and I learned the basic canoe paddling strokes. I definitely recommend this course to all women."

Winnie Atkinson from Elmore County has participated in four BOW courses. "I really liked the pistol shooting. I made a nice walking staff and blue bird house with the help of our nature craft instructor," said Atkinson.

Many of the participants said they enjoyed hunting and/or fishing and felt assured that the knowledge gained in this one day course will benefit them. Several women said they did not hunt or fish but were thrilled they signed up for the course to learn about the other outdoor activities. One participant, a single parent from south Alabama, was so impressed with the basic canoe course that she said she planned to purchase one as soon as she got home so she and her 10 year old son could enjoy canoeing together.

Things are changing in the outdoor world fellows. The girls have discovered our secret, and it's a good thing. Call 1-800-262-3151 to find a course near you.

## Arctic air brings winter to Southeast Alabama

## Residents urged to protect the 4-P's

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As extremely cold Arctic air reached Southeast Alabama this week, area residents went searching for their warmest winter weather attire.

The winter season is generally recognized as being from December until March; however, the months of January and February tend to bring the coldest temperatures of the season to Southeast Alabama.

The early part of the week followed this theory as Tuesday night, Jan. 6, was expected to bring the coldest temperatures of the season thus far.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said the area is just now entering what local residents recognize as the winter season, and he said it is important to remember the four-P's: pets, pipes, plants and people.

"If residents remember this and take the necessary precautions to protect the four-P's, everything should be all right," he said.

Tallas said the best advice for dealing with extremely cold temperatures is to stay inside whenever possible, but for those who must go outside, it is important to dress in layers. He said layers help keep a person warm better than wearing one thick piece of clothing, and layers can be peeled off if it begins to get too warm.

When outside during cold weather, residents must keep in mind the windchill which is the calculation of how cold it feels outside when the actual temperature and the speed of the wind are combined.

According to winter weather preparedness information, a strong wind combined with a temperature of just below freezing can have the same effect as a still-air temperature about 35

degrees colder.

In regards to traveling, Tallas said it is important to keep gasoline tanks near full during cold weather, and the fluids in vehicles should be "winterized." During freezing and below temperatures, motorists should also be mindful of icy roads.

Other important things to consider during winter include heaters, propane tanks and pipes.

Tallas said residents using combustible equipment such as kerosene heaters to warm their homes should be sure to ventilate the home to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. He also said residents should not wait until the last minute to have their propane tanks filled.

Tallas said it is very important for residents to pay attention to pipes during freezing weather. He said exposed pipes should be wrapped and outside hoses should be disconnected. Taking these type precautions could possibly help prevent water from backing up and eventually bursting pipes.

Of course in Southeast Alabama, the fluctuation of the weather is always something to take into consideration.

Tallas said this week alone served as a prime example of the constant and quick changes the area tends to experience.

On Monday, Jan. 5, some places in the state set records for abnormally warm temperatures for this time of year. Then, the Arctic air reached the area and immediately changed the weather from unseasonably warm to the coldest temperatures of the season.

By the end of this week, temperatures should rise again, but Tallas said the national weather service officials in Tallahassee, Fla. are expecting temperatures to drop again by next week.

"Residents should pay close attention to the weather," he

## Congressman Terry Everett takes a look back at the progress of 2003

Over the last twelve months, Congress has delivered on promises to relieve the tax burden on working families and small business, to expand benefits for veterans, to safeguard the environment, to protect our children, and to bolster consumer rights. Here's a look.

Strengthening Our Economy. America's families and small businesses will benefit from the passage of the Jobs and Growth Act in 2003. Under this new law, 91 million taxpayers received, on average, a tax cut of \$1,126. Over the last two years, 109 million taxpayers have received, on average, a tax

cut of \$1,544. Some 23 million small business owners received tax cuts averaging \$2,209. This new law accelerated the tax relief signed into law by the President in 2001, including marriage penalty relief, an increase in the child tax credit, and tax rate reductions for every family that pays Federal income taxes. It also provided new incentives for businesses, especially small businesses, to invest in plants and equipment and create new jobs.

Honoring Our Commitment to

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**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...**Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. showed its community support last week as Eddie Kelley (right) represented the company in presenting several donation checks to the City of Elba. Kelley presented the checks to Elba Mayor James Grimes and said the donations were made to several different city organizations including the Elba Fire Department, Elba Police Department, Elba City Schools, Elba Rescue Squad and Elba Economic and Development Corporation.

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**SMOOTH TRAVELING...**Motorists traveling in and around Elba soon will find their routes a lot easier to travel as several detour signs will come down. According to officials working on the levee rehabilitation project which forced the closing of several streets in Elba, four highly traveled streets should be open to traffic by Wednesday, Jan. 14 (weather permitting). Currently a section of the Troy Highway, Jackson Street and Caroline Street are closed to traffic as crews work on the roads at the point where the levee crosses. Reese Street has been open to traffic for a few days, but the road needs to be resurfaced where the levee work was completed. According to officials, work on these roads should be complete by next Wednesday, and traffic will again be able to travel straight through. In regards to future road closings due to levee rehabilitation work, residents should note that the Highway 84 East bridge will be the site of closings in February. Levee officials said tentatively the bridge will have one lane of traffic closed from Monday, Feb. 9, until Friday, Feb. 20. Then, sometime in mid to late February, the bridge will be completely closed to traffic for a whole 24-hour period during a weekend. Residents and other motorists are urged to be mindful of these upcoming closings as traffic will be slower while one lane is closed from Feb. 9-Feb. 20, and detours will have to be taken during the day the bridge is closed.

**ALERT**

Due to widespread cases of flu, pneumonia and respiratory infections in the community, Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home requests there be no routine visiting until further notice. Visiting of patients and residents by small children is strictly prohibited. This restriction has been issued in order to protect the public, hospital patients and nursing home residents. Should a visit by family members be necessary, report to the nurse's station for instructions. Cooperation in this disease prevention effort is appreciated.

## Elba High student named 2003-04 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Among the many honors bestowed upon a high school senior is the DAR Good Citizen Award, and the five schools in Coffee County each recently selected their good citizen.

The National DAR Good Citizens Committee was estab-

lished in 1934, and the DAR Good Citizen award has long been recognized as one of the most prestigious awards a senior can receive.

The five Coffee County seniors recognized by their fellow students and teachers as a DAR Good Citizen for the 2003-04 school year include: Meredith

Ruth English, Elba High School; Andrew Hardiman, New Brockton High School; Lee Boutwell, Zion Chapel High School; Blake Phillips,

Kinston High School; and Marilee Chambers, Enterprise High School.

Nationally, the good citizen program recognizes students in accredited public, parochial and private schools who excel in qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Each year, there are approximately 11,000 schools that participate in the program, and a \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to the National Outstanding DAR Good Citizen.

During her high school career, English has been active in many clubs and activities, including current president of the Vocational Industrial Careers of America, current secretary of the Senior Beta Club, was junior class president, past treasurer of

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Hardiman's long list of high school activities include formerly being FBLA Chapter president, currently serving as FBLA Chapter treasurer, being a state winner in parliamentary procedure, a 3-time district winner in parliamentary procedure, and business calculations, first chair for tenor saxophone in the New Brockton High School Band, section leader in the band, transportation officer, named Most Outstanding Woodwind Player, member of Mu Alpha Theta, has the highest cumulative GPA in

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the Vocational Industrial Careers of America, member of the Senior Beta Club, member of Mu Alpha Theta, member of the Spanish Club, was sophomore class president, member of the National Society of High School Scholars, second alternate for Miss Elba, voted Miss Congeniality for the Miss Elba pageant, nominated for the United States Achievements Academy, nominated for Who's Who Among High School Students, and Elba High School Ambassador. Editor of the school newspaper Tiger Times, member of the journalism staff, member of the Elba Marching Tiger Band color guard for two years, member of the First Baptist Church of Elba, president of the Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 and graduation co-chairperson for the Coffee County Leadership Program.

"The efforts I have put forth to serve my community have made a difference in my life and have been effective on those of my friends and family."

English stated, "My life has taken on a different meaning by the happiness I have experienced by setting examples to those who have let me make an impact on their lives."

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## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Mad Cow scare continues but, good or bad, is not the only worry of the day. Last week we pondered why they would continue with meat in the system while at the same time checking it for something as terrible as Mad Cow. That question still has not been answered. However it is encouraging to read that we now have rules preventing the sale of "downer" cattle for human consumption. Those are the ones like the above mentioned Mad Cow which can't even walk due to sickness of one kind or another. While some of these animals are technically fine for eating, the idea is not appealing to most Americans. Therefore it is good PR for the meat industry and hopefully will make our food supply a little bit safer.

We are coming off a week-long bout with "the bug". While refusing to classify it the flu, this was awfully bad for several days and is still causing us to drag around. The fever is gone, as are the horrible headaches and crazy dreams, but the deep seated cough and weakness continue to haunt us day and night. We are again trying to work, but in slow motion. A lady in Dothan on Monday of this week said it was her first day back at work from something about the same. Her doctor declined to call it flu either, just a tough virus. She confessed to getting her mother very upset when it was discovered she was actually planning her own funeral last Wednesday! Now we didn't get to that point, in fact during most of our down time we didn't really care about such doings, one way or the other.

A college football game was actually on our agenda this past weekend. We watched most of the Sugar Bowl as LSU almost gave away their championship game Sunday evening after jumping ahead of Oklahoma, sitting on the lead, and in the end being lucky to still have the highest score. If LSU had lost the game, there is one college coach who would have been in his rights to drop every member of the team into a nest of full grown hungry alligators! His contract called for a raise if they won a national championship . . . like \$1 more than the highest paid college coach in the nation. Now that is some raise, more than double his previous salary.

All-in-all Elba had a good year in 2003. Of course there were some ups and downs, but it seems there were more ups than downs. We didn't set the world on fire with our accomplishments but we kept the home fires burning . . . actually a bit hotter than in recent years. A number of accomplishments during the year will be around to help Elba folks for many years to come. Another twelve months like that and people will begin to sit up and notice little of Elba, Alabama and ask "How do you do it?" Of course the answer is and will be . . . by working together.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, investigated the following incidents: four for domestic violence, three for criminal mischief, three for theft of property, one arson, one unlawful imprisonment, three for harassment, one disorderly conduct, one obstructing a government operation, one assault, three for driving under the influence, one attempted suicide, one hit and run, one lost cellular telephone, two domestic disputes and one harassing communications.

The following arrests were made: one for obstructing a government operation, one for disorderly conduct and three for driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for not wearing a seat belt and one for driving with a revoked driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, DEC. 29** - Minor wreck (vehicle vs. deer) reported on Hwy. 84 W (12:16 a.m.); River stage - 6.63 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 573 Davis St. (9:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Railroad St. (1:08 p.m.); Loud music reported at 349 Brunson Circle (4:30 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, DEC. 30** - River stage - 6.59 feet (6:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 573 E. Davis St. (2:59 p.m.); Assault reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr. (7:25 p.m.);

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## 2003

## Veterans

America owes veterans and those on the front lines of freedom a great debt of gratitude. Congress passed legislation in 2003 that offered both retirement and disability pay (concurrent receipt) to many more veterans. We also approved the Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 to provide tax relief and other benefits to members of the armed services and their families.

## Keeping America's Children Safe

In April, Congress passed the

PROTECT Act which gives law enforcement additional tools to prevent, investigate, and prosecute violent crimes against children. The bill strengthens child pornography laws and builds upon the steps already in place to expand, enhance, and coordinate the successful AMBER Alert system across America. Legislation was also approved requiring states to conduct criminal background checks on prospective foster and adoptive parents.

## Enhancing Consumer Credit Protections

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his senior class, has the highest average in English, math, science and history, member of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program, a Boys' State representative, member of the media club, member of the Spanish club, member of the Beta club, member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, chosen to attend the Alabama Youth Summit at the University of Alabama in Dec. 2003, previously played basketball and baseball, active member of the youth group at Westview Baptist Church in Enterprise and has participated in many service projects as a member of FBLA and other organizations.

"There are two kinds of people, those who lead and those who follow," Hardman stated.

At Zion Chapel High School, Boutwell is a member of FBLA, a member of FCCLA, a member of FFA, vice president of FBLA, member of the yearbook staff, former president of the middle level FBLA, competed in livestock judging and helps maintain the family farm with duties including, but not limited to, cutting and baling hay, buying and selling cows and goats.

Boutwell said he plans to pursue a career in veterinary medicine, and his high school counselor describes him as, "a very outgoing young man who never meets a stranger. He sets high moral standards for himself and is a good role model for other students to follow."

Phillips' activities have included 2002-03 FFA secretary, 2003-04 FFA president, placed in FFA competitions such as livestock judging and nursery/landscaping; Alabama Junior Academy of Science chapter president, 2003-04 senior class treasurer, elected by peers as "best personality," member of the Spanish Club, member of the Yearbook staff, elected as 4-H Leadership representative.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 31** - River stage - 7.01 feet (6:18 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 835 County Rd. 401 (1:53 p.m.); Wreck reported at the Shell Station on Claxton Ave. (5:30 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JAN. 2** - River stage - 6.61 feet (6:33 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported on Claxton Ave. (9:52 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1254 Jones Circle (4:08 p.m.); Burglary (not in progress) reported at 1455 County Rd. 505 (5:25 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 702 Old Samson Hwy. (11:25 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JAN. 3** - River stage - 6.38 feet (6:10 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 4** - River stage - 6.26 feet (6:01 a.m.); Alarm activated at 2701 Marilyn St. (8:15 a.m.); Possible subject with a gun reported at Beaver Dam Trailer Court (7:23 p.m.); Possible gun discharged reported on Putnam St. near Mike's Gym (9:19 p.m.); Domestic disturbance (not in progress) reported at 1855 Hickman Ave. (10:34 p.m.).

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## The Coffee County Baptist Institute of Samford University to begin classes January 12

The Coffee Baptist Institute of Samford University will begin classes on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coffee Baptist Center at 603 E. McKinnon in New Brockton. Classes will be taught by Dr. Denise Tipton and Discovering the Biblical Jesus will be taught by

E. McKinnon in New Brockton. Church Music Fundamentals I will be taught by Dr. Denise Tipton and Discovering the Biblical Jesus will be taught by

Rev. Leon Adams. Classes begin on January 12 and continue through April 26, 2004. For more information call 347-6717

## Elba Church of God to host gospel concert on Sunday, January 11

Elba Church of God is having a gospel concert on January 11, 2004 at 6:00 PM. Windy Word and Forgiveness is a special ministering group appointed and Ordained to bring forth the

Message of our savior Jesus, in a special way. You will enjoy their sound and their style of presentation. Snacks and refreshments will be served after the concert. Everyone is

welcome to come and a love offering will be taken. They have very nice products of their singing and more.

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. service tribute to be held Monday, January 19

A service tribute for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Monday, Jan. 19, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Coffee County Bus Shop, formerly Warren Smith High School, in New Brockton.

At 11 a.m., a program will be held at Greater Springfield Baptist Church in New

Brockton with guest speaker, Rev. Chester A. Hammonds Jr., pastor of Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church in Enterprise.

In case of inclement weather, all activities will be held at the Greater Springfield Baptist Church.

The his, dance crazes and a satirical look at the events that shaped Boomers lives' combine to make this a show that entertains everyone from kids to grandparents.

Ride the baby boomer wave with favorite songs from its swing-era beginning, through the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s. Sing along to the nonsense songs. Its Bitty Tonic, Weenie, Yellow Polka Don't Know, Purple People Eater, Witch Doctor. Come along to the hippest hangouts. Downtown, Under the

Boardwalk, Up On the Roof, On Broadway and, of course, American Bandstand. With the cast to Motown and disco the night away at the YMCA.

This production is made possible by the City of Enterprise (Gold Corporate Sponsor) and a grant from The Alabama State Council On the Arts.

Individual tickets for the Coffee County Arts Alliance performances may be purchased in Enterprise at David's West Gate Beauty Salon and The Fraternity, in Elba at The Jewel Box, at Four Rivers in the UTR Soldier Service Center, and in Dothan at Northcutt's On Main.

Advance tickets are \$14 for Adults and \$10 for Students. At the door, adult tickets will be \$16 and student tickets will be \$12.

For more information, call (334) 406-1617 or (334) 393-279.

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Scripture: Job 21:10

\*\*\*Thinking of you, praying for you. The Johnson Family, Corine Daniels, Corine Wilkerson, Ruth Belcher, Rex Henry Ewing, Jr., Rev. Eugene English, Lawrence Hooks, Johnnie R. Belcher, Daniel Chase Graham, Catherine Walters, Ann

Henderson-Jones, Lovie Softley and family.

\*\*\*January Birthdays 2004  
Melissa Kelley - January 1  
Anthony Robinson - January 3  
LanChessa Cross - January 3  
Darius Magwood - January 4  
Martha Gilford - January 7  
Pastor W.K. Ellison - January 7  
Corene Daniels - January 8

\*\*\*Donnie Till presents a gospel singing on January 8, 2004, 7:00 p.m. at Millbrook Civic Center in Millbrook, Ala. Featured groups will be Brian Free and Assurance and the Griffin Family.

\*\*\*Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church is holding a Mortgage Burning Service on January 11, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ben Matthews, pastor of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

\*\*\*Mr. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church is holding Men's and Women's Day on January 18, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister will be Rev. J.G. Chatman.

\*\*\*Installation Service for Pastor, L.P. Carter of the Old Mt. Silla Baptist Church in Clayton, Ala. will be held Sunday, January 18, 2004 at 2:30 p.m.

Today is a good day, be grateful.

## Annual Matrons Day to be held at Greater New Springfield Baptist Church

The Annual Matrons Day of Greater Springfield Missionary Baptist Church in New Brockton will be Sunday, Jan. 11, at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Eugene Smith, pastor of Jackson Chapel Church of God In Christ, Capps, Ala.

## Free trees available from The National Arbor Day Foundation

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during January 2004. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The ten trees are two White Flowering Dogwoods, two Flowering Crabapples, two Washington Hawthorns, two American Redbuds, and two Kousa Dogwoods. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting: between February 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution.

FREE FLOWERING TREES. National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2004. Or go online to arborday.org.

Grant Hudson is two years old

Grant Hudson, celebrated his second birthday on December 28, 2003 with a Blue's Clues party theme.

He is the son of Rob and Kelly Hudson of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is the grandson of Bobby and Barbara Hudson of Elba and Shirley Hargett of Rock Hill, South Carolina.

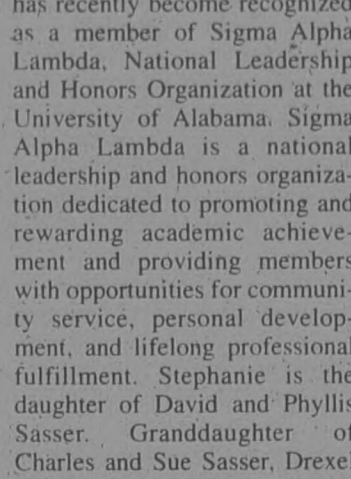
## Beginning Smocking course being offered at EOCC

Enterprise-Ozark Community College offers a new special interest course, Beginning Smocking, which is for the person who has always wanted to learn to smock but has never found the time. A kit, costing \$20.00, must be purchased from the instructor at the first class. Included in the kit: needles, DMC floss, pleated fabric ready to smock, and The Joy of Smocking book by Martha Pallen. Students will need to bring scissors. There is a \$45.00 fee for the four-session class. The class will meet on Tuesdays, February 3-24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The registration deadline is January 27. For more information, call 347-2623, ext. 2234.



Stephanie Sasser recently recognized as member of Sigma Alpha Lambda

Sigma Alpha Lambda announced that Stephanie Christina Sasser of Elba, AL, has recently been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honors Organization at the University of Alabama. Sigma Alpha Lambda is a national leadership and honors organization dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development, and lifelong professional fulfillment. Stephanie is the daughter of David and Phyllis Sasser. Granddaughter of Charles and Sue Sasser, Drexel Kelley and the late Annette Hutchison Kelley.



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Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

## EHS graduate earns Executive MBA

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## NEW ARRIVAL

WHITNEY ALLEXIS CHILDS

Kevin Childs of Banks and Kristy Houston of Elba announce the birth of their daughter, Whitney Alexis Childs. She was born December 2, 2003 at Enterprise Medical Center. Lexie weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Pamela Qualls and Donnie Qualls of Elba. Paternal grandparents are Kenneth Childs of Tarrant. Great grandparents are Vivian and the late James B. Maddox, Roland Kelley, and the late Fred and Pauline Qualls of Elba, and Harold and the late Jewel Childs of Tarrant.



Whitney Alexis Childs

## New books available in Elba Public Library

CHRISTIAN FICTION  
Carlson, Melody-Armando's Treasure

LARGE PRINT FICTION  
Brown, Sandra-hello, darkness Jackson, Melanie-The Selkie Mason, Connie-The Lord of Stonehenge

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Brown, Dan-The da Vinci Code Brown, Sandra-Sunny Chandler's Return Cookson, Catherine-Kate Hannigan

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# SPORTS

Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie had a friend over for the weekend and Saturday night they came into the den and told me that they wanted to cook supper. I had my doubts, but since there was football on TV I told them I would take them to the store and help them pick out the ingredients for whatever they wanted to cook. After a quick trip to the store and some suggestions on how best to prepare the meal, I went back to the den and waited for them to come in and tell me that supper was on the table. I will admit that I went in and out of the kitchen to make sure everything was okay, but did let them handle the cooking and will also admit that the supper was really tasty. I don't know if it was the fact Melanie was tired of sandwiches or if she really wanted to cook that led to the change of cooks, but this 'ole Dad was glad to get a rest, and proud that his daughter did such a good job.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers will get back on the court this week after a long holiday break and Coach Karl Bledsoe is hoping that his walked wounded will be back at full speed as the Tigers get into the meat of the schedule. A number of players had been slowed due to minor injuries late in the pre-holiday portion of the schedule and it began to show on the court as the Tigers seemed a little out of sync in a few games. Now that the players have had the chance to rest their weary bones and regain their hunger about winning, maybe the best is yet to come. One thing for sure is that the Tigers need to come back ready to play, since three of the next five games will be area contests and the other two will be games against county rival New Brockton and long time rival Luverne. Elba has struggled in recent years to post a winning record, but with seven wins at the break they should have a real shot at snapping that streak and being a true region contender. C'mon Tigers, make the new year one of the best ever!

\*\*\* I know that the three county teams all have losing records at the midway point of the season, but I for one believe that all three teams are much better than their records indicate and believe that all three are going to be big winners as the season heads down the home stretch. Kinston played in two holiday tournaments and picked up a couple of big wins, while Zion Chapel made it to the finals in its own tournament and New Brockton also played in two tournaments. I hope that the fans of these three teams are smart enough to realize that their teams are much better than their records and will continue to support them for the remainder of the season. I have a hunch all three have a lot of fun left for their fans.

\*\*\* The Elba Jr./NB/Jr./WNBA Youth Basketball League tipped off this week and I urge all fans to come down to the Rec Center one night and watch these youngsters in action. The leagues include teams for boys and girls ages 6-18, with games set for three nights during the week and on Saturday mornings. The youngsters have fun and I think you will too. So, make plans to drop by and watch a game or two, you will enjoy the fun.

\*\*\* I watched Auburn play in the Music City Bowl and while the Tigers did win by two touchdowns, I still was far from being impressed with their offensive play-calling. Assistant coach Hugh Nall spent two weeks trying to convince people that the reason the Tigers had struggled was because he was trying to run someone else's offense, and made it clear that it was "his" offense that beat Alabama. He also made it known that it would be "his" offense that took the field in the bowl game. I understand that Coach Nall is trying to save his job and convince everyone that he can be a winning offensive coordinator, but I have my doubts and am convinced that either he will be demoted back to a line coach or the Tiger's quarterback coach will hit the road. No matter who calls the plays, there has to be someone in charge, and that wasn't the case this season.

\*\*\* When Dauphin Junior High and Enterprise Junior High hit the field next season in football there should be at least a little black and gold on the sidelines, somewhere. Elba grad Stan Sauls was named the head coach at Dauphin a few weeks back, while fellow Elba grad Kevin Killingsworth has been the head coach at Enterprise for years. Both players were teammates on the 1987 Elba Tiger team that lost in the state championship game, and both have already made their mark in the coaching ranks. Other ex-Tiger players in the coaching ranks include Leavy Boutwell, Matt Henderson, Jerney Wise and Jackie Stoudemire, while a number of other former players are still active in sports as trainers. I guess there can be no doubt the rich history of Elba High athletics also carries far from the field.

\*\*\* In closing... One of my new year's resolutions is to take our outdoor dog on walks at least twice a week. I have been spending more time with him in recent weeks and even took him for a walk the day after Christmas, but maybe if I walk him, or even if he walks me, it will help us both get in a little better shape. Hey, you can even join us if you want.

By The Dothan Eagle

## New Brockton's Tyler Simmons named to "Super 12" prep team

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2003 "Super 12" high school football selections over the weekend and included among the honorees was New Brockton Gamecock standout Tyler Simmons.

Simmons, a five-year starter for the Gamecocks, was a stand-out on both sides of the ball and on special teams for New Brockton this season and led the Gamecocks their second winning season in three years. The 5-6, 160-pound Simmons gained 1,386 yards and scored 17 touchdowns as a tailback in the Gamecock offensive attack, while at linebacker the senior recorded 87 tackles and as the Gamecock punter Simmons averaged 36.4 yards per punt.

Following is the complete list

of this year "Super 12" selections:

### BIG SCHOOL DIVISION

Chris Nickson (QB) Pike County, Nathan McCall (OT) Dothan, Robert Brooks (QB) Enterprise, Jeremy Thomas (LB) Northview, Anthony Douglas (DE) Eufrasio, Jason Salter (RB) Carroll, Willie Suddith (DL) Charles Henderson, Seth Eubanks (OT) Ashford, Mariel Mount (LB) Opp, Brandon Thompson (LB) Chapel Hill, Nick Walker (TE) Pike County, Elijah Daniels (WR) Pike County.

Player of Year - Chris Nickson, Pike County  
Coach of Year - Wayne Grant, Pike County

### SMALL SCHOOL DIVISION

Ty Jones (RB) Slocomb, Josh Parks (RB) Slocomb, Hamp Smith (OL) Slocomb, Alex Burkett (PK) Houston Academy, Dustin Parkman (LB) Houston Academy, Fred Grubbs (LB) G.W. Long, Tyler Simmons (RB) New Brockton, Marquis Coachman (DE) Cottonwood, Arrenzo Ocasio (LB) Lakeside School, Joel Harvin (QB) Early County, Darius Williams (WR) Early County, Octavius Balkcom (TE) Early County.

Player of Year - Ty Jones, Slocomb  
Coach of Year - Bob Taylor, Lakeside School

## Area basketball teams looking forward to return to court and adding to win totals

The high school basketball season returns to action this week and for the five teams in the area hoping to high that the new year will bring with it a renewed dedication and a winning spirit.

The (7-5) Elba Tigers haven't played since a two-point loss to Brantley back on Dec. 18, but Coach Karl Bledsoe reports that the break did his team good and he expects the Tigers to be full speed when it returns to action this week.

"We were a little banged up after playing twelve games over the opening weeks of the season and to be honest really needed a break to let the players get some rest," smiled Coach Bledsoe. "None of the players had injuries that were serious enough to keep them off the court, but we had several players that had to play through pain and it did keep them from being full speed. Hopefully the long layoff will do us some good and we will be anxious to get back on the court this week."

The Tigers will travel to Dothan on Friday night to battle the defending area champion Abbeville Yellowjackets, then will travel across the county on Tuesday night to tangle with the New Brockton Gamecocks.

## High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8  
New Brockton at Samson (4:30)  
B-VG-VB

B-VG-VB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13  
Elba at New Brockton (4:30)  
B-VG-VB

B-VG-VB

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9  
Elba at Abbeville (4:30)  
B-VG-VB

B-VG-VB

## JR./NB/Jr./WNBA YOUTH BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JAN. 8  
5:30 - Lakers vs. Clippers  
6:30 - Fever vs. Sting

SATURDAY, JAN. 10  
9:00 - Spurs vs. NB Hornets  
10:00 - Rockets vs. NB Grizzlies  
11:00 - Fever vs. NB Storm

MONDAY, JAN. 12  
5:30 - Rockets vs. Hawks

TUESDAY, JAN. 13  
5:30 - Spurs vs. Wizards

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ELBA AT NEW BROCKTON  
TUESDAY, JAN. 13

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TYLER SIMMONS

## Sauls named football coach at Dauphin Jr.

Elba High grad Stan Sauls continued to add to his coaching resume recently when he was named as the new head football coach at Dauphin Junior High, in Enterprise.

Sauls, a former football and baseball standout for the Tigers, was already serving as the head basketball coach at Dauphin and the head soccer coach at Enterprise High School, as well as teaching social studies.

"I am excited about the opportunity," stated Sauls, "and the main thing I will look for is to get guys ready for the high school program. We will have discipline, organization and structure in our program, but at the same time I want our players to have fun. They also must be familiar and knowledgeable of the game when they get to the high school level, and that will be our job as coaches."

Enterprise High coach Kenneth Hand was also excited about the naming of Sauls as the new Dauphin coach, and stated "He knows what we want to do. I think he will be a good liaison to us and between the players and parents at Dauphin. That is what you want in a junior high coach."

"We have the makings of a good coaching staff in place and we will all work together for the good of the kids," added Sauls. "I am excited about our coaches and look forward to working with them. I love to coach, but I am here for the teaching first and the school system. My biggest asset to the youth and the community is in the classroom. That comes from the heart."

The (7-2) Brantley Bulldogs closed out the holidays by winning the SEAC Tournament and will be looking forward to getting back to the court after the holiday break. Coach Tony Stallworth stated before the season tipped off that this team may be one of his best in years, and after hours of extra practice during the break area foes can look forward to the Bulldogs being at full strength and full speed for the remainder of the season.

## Spotlight on.... OUTDOORS



BILL ROBINSON, pictured with his son Braxton, killed this six-point buck while hunting on Dec. 6 on their land near Elba. This was Braxton's first season of hunting.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:  
THE ESTATE OF  
REXTON LADON CAMPBELL  
Deceased.  
CASE NO. PC-03-83

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT  
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to ALLISON McNEESE, on the 16th day of December, 2003, by Judge William O. Gammill, Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

IN/ALLISON McNEESE  
Personal Representative  
1/25, 1/1, 1/8 pd.

LEGAL NOTICE  
McInnis, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. BR-1608(200) in Coffee.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on January 1, 2004 and ending on January 22, 2004. All claims should be filed at 1120 Parker St. Montgomery, AL 36108 during this period.  
McInnis, LLC  
1-18, 15, 22 chg.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Please take notice that Joey Walden whose address is 25602 Hwy 189, Elba will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or otherwise dispose of an abandoned motor vehicle. The vehicle was abandoned on the property of Mr. Walden approximately December 20, 2001 and the name and/or residence of the owner is unknown. The vehicle is a Toyota Camry and the serial number is JT2S16E1G0470852 and the model year is 1986. The sale will be held at 25602 Hwy 189 on or after 10:00 AM on January 15, 2004.

The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonable and may postpone the public sale until another specified time and place. In addition, the Seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public sale or otherwise dispose of the vehicle.

1/1, 1/8 pd.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
ELBA ALABAMA  
BETTY MESSER, PLAINTIFF,  
VS.  
VENTELLIE CORBIT, DEFENDANT.  
CASE NO: DV-2003-46

LEGAL NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given that Russell Construction Co Inc has completed all the new facility for the Kinston Senior Center in Kinston, Alabama. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor, City Clerk of the Town of Kinston and Barnes and Ritchie, Architects, P.C., 270 West Parkway, P.O. Box 804, Kinston, NC 28502.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR  
Estate of W.H. Rhoades  
DECEASED  
PROBATE COURT  
PC-03-87

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 30th day of December, 2003, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.  
Wesley Glenn Rhoades  
Personal Representative  
1/18, 15, 22 pd

## Eating right is important in avoiding skin cancer

Christina Kirkland  
Extension Agent/ACENEP

When it comes to preventing skin cancer, eating right may be almost as important as using sunscreen and avoiding prolonged exposure to sunlight-not quite as important, but almost. It also underscores what nutritionists have been saying for years: there are plenty of reasons for reducing dietary fat besides just lowering blood cholesterol levels and the risk of heart disease.

Dr. Robert Keith, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System nutritionist and Auburn University professor of nutrition and foods, stated that we already know about how dietary fat contributes to obesity, higher blood cholesterol levels and heart disease risk. He went on to say that dietary fat might also play a role in the formation of skin cancers.

Research has shown, for example, that people who consume a typical American diet of around 35 percent fat suffer from higher rates of skin cancer. On the other hand, those who consume considerably less dietary fat-around 20 percent of their caloric intake-fare a lower incidence of the disease.

Keith cited a two-year clinical trial by Dr. Homer Black, professor of Dermatology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. In the course of the study, Black studied 115 patients with non-melanoma

## Tri-State Watermelon meeting planned for January 20

Richard L. Petcher  
County Extension Agent

There will be a Tri State watermelon meeting at the Washington County Ag Center in Chipley, FL on Tuesday, January 20, 2004. The meeting will begin with registration at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and ending around 9:00 p.m. Continuing Education Units will be given for attending this meeting.

Topics to be discussed and guest speakers are as follows:  
Fertilizer Plans and Irrigation Schedules for Cucurbits - Dr. Eric Simonne, Professor, Horticultural Sciences Dept., University of Florida, Gainesville  
Disease Management Update on Cucurbits - Dr. Tim Momol, Professor/Diagnostic Lab

Director, North Florida Research and Education Center, Quincy

New Mini-melons to Try for the Specific Retailer/Wholesale Markets and other Variety Information - Gilbert Miller, Area Vegetable Specialist and Senior Extension Agent, Edisto, South Carolina

Methyl Bromide-Fumigant Situation, Selection and Alternatives - Dr. Steve Olson, Professor/Vegetable Specialist, North Florida Research and Education Center, Quincy

Core Pesticide Credit Presentation  
Sprayer Cleanup/Pesticide Records/Personal Protective Equipment - Clyde Smith, IPM/Agronomy Regional Specialist and Extension Agent, Jackson County Area

Fruits and Vegetables.

Most fruits and vegetables can be eaten in unlimited quantities as they're high in water and fiber. Just go easy on adding fat and sugar. Include a variety of forms of fruit, since juices by themselves offer very little fiber and dried fruits have a much smaller volume than regular fruit.

Milk, Yogurt and cheese.

Choose lower fat forms. We can have about two glasses of skim milk for the same calories as one glass of whole milk.

Meat, Poultry, Fish Legumes, Eggs and Nuts.

Choose lower fat forms and preparation methods. Enjoy small portions of nuts, vegetable soup. Broth- and tomato-based soups tend to be lower in calories than cream-based ones and offer a lot of satiety.

Beverages. While water-rich foods, such as fruits and vegetables, and soups, will help you feel full, water alone doesn't have the same effect. Soft drinks are processed differently by the body than milk-based drinks and drinks with protein. The hunger and thirst mechanisms are quite separate. A soft drink will trigger thirst mechanisms, not hunger mechanisms, and add calories without satisfying hunger. You may end up consuming more total calories than you need.

Choosing nutrient-dense foods higher in fiber and water and lower in fat and sugar helps you feel full, obtain essential nutrients and aid in weight loss/maintenance. Some tips for food choices from the various food groups include:

Bread, Cereal, Rice and Pasta.

Choose those with higher fiber and water contents. For example, choose whole grain bread and cereals. Avoid eating lots of dry, low fiber foods that are easy to overeat. Such as fry

## Personal qualities that make happiness is self-esteem

Angela G. Hughes  
County Extension Agent

Happiness is a funny thing. The more we chase it the less we have it. So, what makes people happy? Research has some interesting answers.

Does money make people happy? Mostly no. When people are so poor that they do not have money or enough to eat, more money makes them happy. After that, more money has almost no effect on the amount of happiness. Apparently, for most of us, happiness is not in getting what you want but wanting what you get.

Surprisingly, age does not affect happiness very much. Both older and younger people may be happy or sad. Though in old age, people may have had more joy for contentment.

But happiness is related to our expectations. We compare what we have with what we used to have or what others have. When we are unhappy.

Men and women are similar in their reports of happiness...though women are more likely to be depressed.

Don't Forget to recycle

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS



A COMMON PRACTICE of the Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC) is to name a volunteer of the year. Recently, during an open house of the Elba office for HRDC, HRDC director Peggi James (left) announced this volunteer award had been named. She said Wanda Sasser had proven to be a top notch volunteer for the Elba office through her many years of service; therefore, the award had been named the Wanda Sasser Volunteer Award. James presented a plaque to Sasser (right) in which she said the names of recipients for upcoming years would be displayed.

## Coffee County Schools Menu January 12-16, 2004

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Not Available	Monday - Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Fish Nuggets, Breaded Onions, Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Fruit, Milk
Tuesday - Not Available	Tuesday - Chili w/Meat and Beans, Corn Dog, Baked Potato, Whole Kernel Corn, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Not Available	Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Fish Sandwich, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Not Available	Thursday - Mexican Chicken Casserole, Burrito, Cole Slaw, English Peas & Carrots, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Not Available	Friday - Cheese Burger, Hot Dog, French Fries, Cookie, Fruit, Milk

## FEMA announces \$2,233,087 in homeless aid awards for Alabama

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced recently that federal funds totaling \$2,233,087 have been made available for Alabama to help feed and shelter the state's hungry and homeless people in 2004.

Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response, said the funding was part of the \$15.1 million authorized by Congress for the Emergency Food and Shelter (EFS) Program to support social service agencies in more than 2,500 cities and counties across the country. EFS funds are used to supplement food, shelter, rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs for people with non-disaster related emergencies.

"On behalf of President Bush, I'm honored to extend the federal government's helping hand to our nation's most needy people," Brown said. "The dedicated members of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program again have successfully carried out this worthy mission. Homeland Security and FEMA are pleased that Congress has provided the necessary means to help our communities feed the hungry, assist the poor and shelter the homeless in the coming year."

A list of the eligible Alabama jurisdictions and award amounts is available at [www.efsp.united-way.org](http://www.efsp.united-way.org).

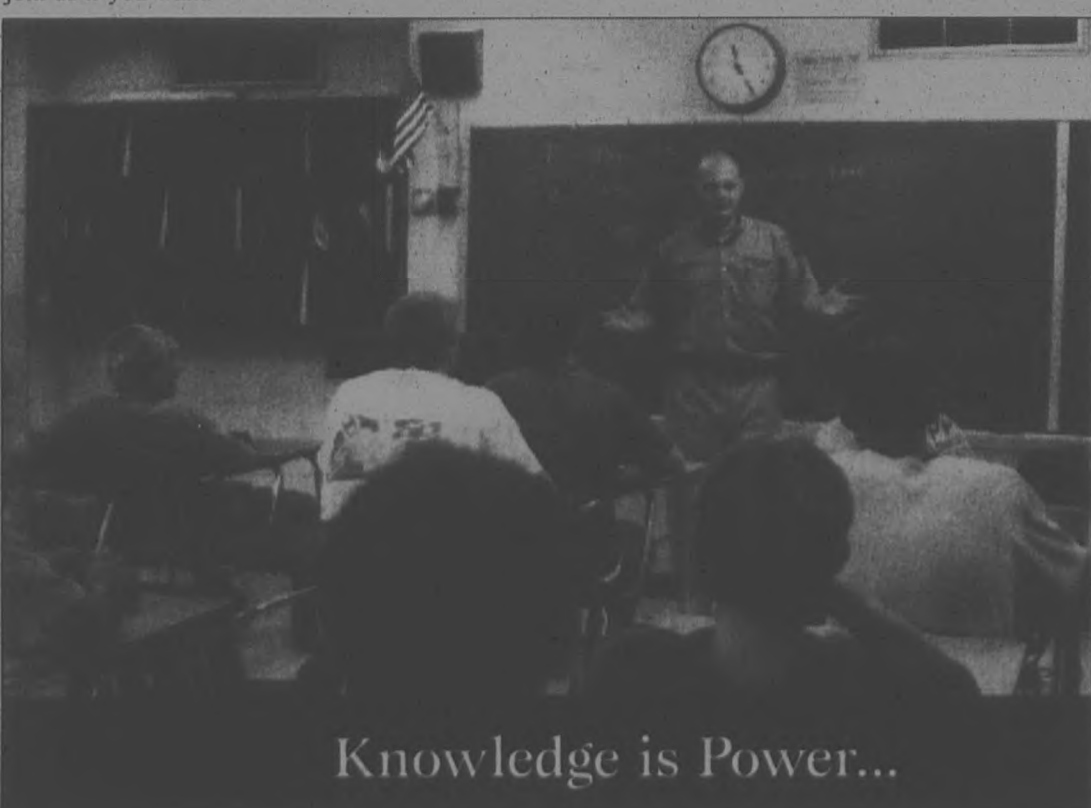
On March 1, 2003, FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. FEMA's continuing mission within the new department is to lead the effort to prepare the nation for all hazards and effectively manage federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates proactive mitigation activities, trains first responders, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration.

Owners of new or renovated ponds may apply now to stock their ponds with largemouth bass and bream (bluegill and crappie). The Fisheries Section of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division will stock ponds that are free of fish and larger than 1/4 surface acre (1/2 surface acre if pond is not to be fertilized). Stan Cook, Chief of Fisheries, advises pond owners to request their fish

## Applications being accepted for fish pond stocking

application early and return the application before the February 1, 2004 deadline.

To request more information and an application form, contact the District Fisheries Office that serves your county:  
Fisheries District VI (Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike Counties) P.O. Box 310292, Enterprise, AL 36331; (334) 347-9467.



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## Elba's levee rehabilitation project expected to be complete in April

by Bethany Dye

Project manager Gene Oden said if the weather permits, he expects to complete the levee rehabilitation project by mid-April—nine months ahead of schedule.

As of Dec. 8, Oden said the originally contracted project was 81 percent complete, but he expects to later receive a few add-ons in the form of a modified contract, such as a lighted walking trail around the top of the levee and a pumping station

to be located behind the old high school.

The construction would have been even further along had it not rained so much last summer and last winter, Oden said.

Much work has been done to the levee since the project began in September 2002, and by the end of next month, said Oden, all the major construction work will be complete.

Putting on the finishing touches will keep LJC Construction's hands full until the projected completion date

At Kinston apartment complex

Five people arrested for drugs

108 Georgia Circle, Opp, was arrested in the yard and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$50,000 bond.

Hannah Stanley, age 26, of N. Jackson Street, Opp, was arrested in the yard and charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$50,000 bond.

Timothy Grayson, age 33, of 404 Wallace Street, Opp, was arrested in the yard. He was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance, trafficking in methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$201,000 bond.

Officials said these arrests are a direct result of citizens growing tired of the onslaught of meth labs operating in their neighborhoods, and calls from concerned citizens are a valuable tool in the fight against these toxic and dangerous lab sites.

Anyone with any information concerning a meth lab is encouraged to call a local law enforcement agency. This information can be reported anonymously.

In Coffee County, call Mark Anderson at 894-5535 ext. 229.

In Elba, call Tony Harrison at 897-2555, and in the Kinston area, call Chief Russell Young at 565-3114.

Maghali Gwaltny, age 44, of

County BOE recognizes four students for participating in recent Duke University Talent Identification program

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Monica Largess, Brittany Layton, Kristine Fitzgerald and Jon Fuller were honored for their participation and accomplishments in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

The students were presented

to the board by Becky Hardiman, and she said it is the sixth year the Coffee County School System has participated in the program.

Seventh grade students become eligible to participate in the program after scoring in the 95 percentile of certain aptitude tests, and Hardiman said these four students were among 24,198 to take the SAT or ACT tests in an effort to qualify for state recognition.

Based on their scores from taking the ACT test, Hardiman said the four county students all attained state level in the program, and Fitzgerald made the grand level.

Hardiman credited Vicki Jones, teacher of the county's gifted and talented program, in helping these students reach this level of recognition.

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram informed board members of a couple new programs the school system will implement very soon.

Ingram said an after school extended day program will be offered to students in grades 3-8 beginning Thursday, Jan. 22. With this program, she said students will be able to get remedial help in various subjects.

The program will be offered two afternoons per week from 3:15-4:45 p.m. until the first week of May, and Ingram said some of the school system's regular

on April 15.

He went on to say that he credits the faster progression of the project to the cooperation of his employees and the people of Elba.

"I can't tell you how much the city of Elba has helped," Oden said. "They've bent over backwards to try to make this happen. The city of Elba has made this job a pleasure."

Oden said the contractors still request everyone's cooperation as construction continues, however, especially near the Pea River Bridge on Highway 84.

One reason the streets have been and will be closed is to allow work on new gate structures that will be put in several places where the road crosses the levee.

Although the dates depend on weather, the bridge area of Highway 84 is scheduled to be reduced to one lane of traffic from February 9-20, and will be completely closed one day on a weekend in mid to late February.

An alternate route will be set up while Highway 84 is down to one lane so people can avoid the congestion.

"The people have put up with a lot," said Oden of the locals.

On Caroline Street will be a 4.5-foot roller gate designed to require less maintenance and prove more efficient than the old gate, while Reese Street will feature a smaller one.

Oden said the "massive" gate to be put in place on Highway 84 will be 9.5 feet tall, 45 feet wide and will weigh 20,000 pounds.

The gate itself will slide back



LEVEE WORK REACHES PEA RIVER BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 84. Motorists traveling across the Pea River Bridge on Hwy. 84 in Elba are encouraged to use extreme caution due to the increased presence of workers involved with the levee rehabilitation project. Work recently began on the construction of a flood gate for the bridge bringing more workers to the area. Motorists are asked to follow traffic safety procedures while traveling across the bridge to help ensure the safety of the construction workers. Also, officials with the Elba Police Department remind motorists that speeding fines are doubled in a construction zone; therefore, they strongly recommend traveling at or below the speed limit.

"but you know it's for a good cause."

The Troy Highway, Jackson Street, Caroline Street and Reese Street are all scheduled to be paved and open by this week.

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In an attempt to save money

Commission looks at refinancing its bond issue

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission approved a request during its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 12, to look at refinancing its current bond issue.

Commissioner Jim Thompson brought the proposal before the commission and said he and County Administrator Wilson Mobley had been looking at the possibility of refinancing the bond issue.

Thompson said Merchant Capital, LLC, of Montgomery has offered to refinance the bond issue with the stipulation of having the same payment and same payoff.

Thompson said he feels this would be a good move and could save the county anywhere

from \$60 - \$100,000. Therefore, he requested the commission let the company look at refinancing the bond issue and come back with its proposal before March 1, 2004.

At the recommendation of Commissioner Doug Dalrymple, the commission voted to withhold a requested payment to Anderson Builders for construction work on the senior citizen centers at Mount Pleasant and Ino.

Dalrymple said the payment was set to come when the buildings are 85 percent complete.

He said he does not know the status of the Ino building, but the Mount Pleasant building is not even 50 percent complete.

Dalrymple said the building still lacks roofing and brick work, as well as, work to the

inside of the building.

Therefore, he made a motion to hold off on the payment until the buildings are actually 85 percent complete. He received a second from Commissioner Tom Grimley, and the motion passed with all voting in favor except Commissioner Robert Stephens who abstained.

Stephens said he did not vote because he was not sure of the status of the Ino Senior Citizen building.

In other business, the commission:

\* Awarded a bid for daily cover mulch to Louisiana Vegetation Management at \$16.70 per bag for a full load and \$17.40 per bag for a half load.

\* Awarded a bid for the sewage systems at the Ino and Mount Pleasant Senior Centers to Russell-Septic Tank of Elba for \$3,180 (\$1,590 for each system).

\* Appointed Enterprise Mayor Kenneth Boswell to fill the vacancies left by Tim Alford on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development board and the Southeast Alabama Regional Council on Aging.

\* Appointed Commissioner Linda Westbrook to serve as the commission's representative on the Coffee County EMS board.

\* Appointed Commissioner Jessie Lewis to fill her late husband's spot and complete his term on the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development board.

\* Approved a motion to allow the Town of New Brockton to purchase a surplus vehicle from the sheriff's department for \$900.

\* Approved a motion to send out notice that the Coffee County Highway Department is looking to purchase land for dirt pits around the county. County engineer Randy Tindell said the department is looking for five pits in strategic locations.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

## Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL is preparing for the 2004 Miss Elba pageants. The different age divisions will include: Junior Miss Elba (Ages 14 & 15); Little Miss Elba (Ages 12-13); Miss Elba (Ages 10-11); and Miss Elba (Ages 8-9). A meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba Elementary School for the parents of those interested in participating in the Junior Miss Elba and Little Miss Elba divisions.

THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. There will be standby crews for any emergency with water, electric, sewer or street. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The garbage pickup schedule is unchanged.

THE TOWN OF NEW BROCKTON OFFICES will be closed Monday, Jan. 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. In case of an emergency, call the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5559.

THE COFFEE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY is continuing Phase II of its water system expansion with a second sign-off meeting Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Pentec Church. This includes the southern part of Coffee County, and 400-600 sign-ups are needed. This phase will be the last chance residents have to bring the water system to their part of the county. The sign-up fee is \$25. For more information or to sign up, call the Coffee County Water Authority office at 894-4254.

THE TROOP 4000 AIRMEN will present a Youth Seminar/Workshop serving in New Brockton on Saturday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 25. The Youth Seminar will be Saturday, Jan. 24, from 1-3:30 p.m. at the New Brockton High School cafeteria. The seminar is for ages 12-17 years. The dinner will be served on Sunday, Jan. 25, at Coffee County AME Church in New Brockton.

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